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## EmFinders Program

The Chula Vista Police Department is the first in the region to provide the emergency location system known as *EmFinders*. The Chula Vista EmFinders Program, operated by the Senior Volunteer Patrol, supplements the existing Chula Vista Assist program with helping to find adults who may wander and become lost.



The EmFinders nationwide emergency location system works directly with emergency 911 dispatchers to reduce the amount of time it takes to locate a missing adult. If a loved one wearing the device—about the size of a wristwatch—is missing or has wandered, caregivers can activate the device by first calling 911 to report the



missing person and then contact EmFinders to trigger the emergency location system. Upon activation, the device determines the wearer's location and immediately places a call to 911. Emergency dispatchers can then direct police officers to the location.

The Chula Vista PD has a limited number of EmFinders devices available at no cost to adults that have a cognitive disability such as Autism or Alzheimers, have a history of wandering or becoming lost, and who have successfully completed a brief screening for eligibility. Applications to the EmFinders program may be completed by a qualifying resident, or by their caregivers or loved ones with their expressed consent, and screenings are generally completed over the phone.

Residents interested in applying for the EmFinders program may contact the Senior Volunteer Patrol office at (619) 476-2588. Funding for the program is provided by the Chula Vista Police Foundation, a non-profit organization supporting the mission of the Police Department.

## Book Club in a Box

Is your book club looking for a free and easy way to read and discuss together? Check out Book Club in a Box, now available from the Chula Vista Public Library. This instant kit, prepared by the library staff, is designed to save your book club time and energy. Inside each box you will find six or more copies of a popular book, background information on the book's author, a quick summary of the book, and questions to get your discussion going. The boxes and their contents can be checked out with your Chula Vista Public Library card for 12 weeks, and can be renewed twice if no one else is waiting for them.

library ebooks, include: *Almost Moon* by Alice Sebold; *Chula Vista Centennial* by Steven Schoenherr; *Bridge of Sighs* by Richard Russo; *Revolutionary Road* by Richard Yates; and *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd. More titles are added weekly. For more information, log onto [www.chulavistalibrary.com](http://www.chulavistalibrary.com).



Popular Book Club titles ready for check-out, some as free

## LED Lights = Less Energy



Energy efficient LED lighting will light up Chula Vista's Civic Center complex over the holidays at no cost to the City. The display, featuring more than 250 light strands on buildings and palm trees, is part of an effort to encourage residents and businesses to make the switch to newer and safer energy saving technology.

Chula Vista's holiday lights and installation are fully funded through the City's Local Government Partnership with San Diego Gas & Electric and the California Public Utilities Commission. The Partnership has allowed the City to upgrade its facilities with more energy-efficient lighting, heating, and air conditioning and provide no-cost energy services to the community. In addition, Sears is sponsoring the extra energy costs of the display estimated at \$50 for the entire holiday season. Find additional energy efficiency lighting and appliances at Sears and other retailers throughout the City.

## Did You Know...

In partnership with *ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability* and *Office Depot*, Chula Vista launched its Green Business Challenge at the City's centennial celebration on October 15. The Challenge is a friendly year-long competition for businesses in Chula Vista to conserve energy and water, reduce waste and pollution, save money, and participate in other sustainability initiatives.

From hotels to banks and restaurants, more than 100 businesses have become verified Chula Vista CLEAN businesses. Those that elect to participate in the Green Business Challenge will receive an assigned Sustainability Coach, free monthly trainings, free Office Depot Green Kit, and other special media promotions. For more information, please visit [www.chulavistaca.gov/clean](http://www.chulavistaca.gov/clean).



## Upcoming Events

### Starlight Parade

The Starlight Parade is celebrating its 50th year on **Saturday, Dec. 3!** The celebration kicks off at **6 p.m.** with a Centennial themed nighttime parade. Don't miss the Mayor's tree lighting ceremony at **5:30 p.m.** in Memorial Park, located at 373 Park Way. For more information, call the Third Avenue Village Association at (619) 422-1982.

### St. Nick's Pet Pics

Capture the holiday spirit with the four-legged members of your family this year. Bring them to Santa's Photo Set at

the Otay Ranch Town Center. Santa welcomes all dogs and cats and has various photo packages available **Monday evenings, Dec. 5 and 12 from 6-9 p.m.** For more information, visit [www.otayranchtowncenter.com](http://www.otayranchtowncenter.com)

### Christmas Circle

This long-standing holiday tradition opens **Dec. 10-26 from 5-10 p.m.** Walk or drive through this enchanting neighborhood on Whitney and Mankato between First and Second Avenues, south of H Street.

### City Holiday Closures

All City offices will be closed **Dec. 26-Jan. 2.**

## Contacts

### Animal Care Facility

Animal Control 476-2476  
Adoptions/Fostering 691-5123  
Volunteering 691-5000  
*Online ACF* [CLICK HERE](#)

### City Attorney

691-5037

### City Clerk

691-5041

### City Manager/Administration

Main Line 691-5031  
Communications/ 691-5296  
Media Relations  
Economic Development 409-5870

### Code Enforcement

691-5280

### Development Services

Land Development 691-5024  
Building 691-5272  
Planning 691-5101  
Small Business Services 691-5248  
Redevelopment & Housing 691-5047  
*Redev. & Housing Online* [CLICK HERE](#)

### Finance

Main Line 691-5250  
Purchasing 691-5141  
*Business Lic. Online* [CLICK HERE](#)

### Fire

Emergency 911  
Main Line 691-5055  
Prevention Division 691-5029  
*Prevention Online* [CLICK HERE](#)

### Human Resources

Main Line 691-5096  
Job Hotline 691-5095  
Volunteering 691-5000

### Library

Civic Center Branch 691-5069  
South Branch 585-5755  
Otay Ranch Branch *Coming Soon*  
Volunteering 691-5000  
*Online Branch* [CLICK HERE](#)

### Mayor & City Council

691-5044

### Nature Center

*Nature Center Online* [CLICK HERE](#)

### Police

Emergency 911  
Report Crime/Dispatch 691-5151  
*Report Crime Online* [CLICK HERE](#)

### Public Works

Conservation Division 409-3893  
CLEAN Business Program 691-5122  
*CLEAN Program Online* [CLICK HERE](#)  
Environmental Services 691-5122  
Engineering 691-5021  
Graffiti Hotline 691-5198  
Graffiti IN PROGRESS 911  
Household Hazard. Waste 691-5122  
*Park Reservations Online* [CLICK HERE](#)  
Storm Water Hotline 397-6000  
Recycling/Solid Waste 691-5122  
Service Requests 397-6000  
*Service Requests Online* [CLICK HERE](#)  
Transit 233-3004

### Recreation

Administration 409-5979  
*Recreation Online* [CLICK HERE](#)  
CV Woman's Club 691-5083  
Heritage Center 421-7032  
Loma Verde Center 691-5082  
Loma Verde Pool 691-5081  
Monteville Center 691-5269  
Norman Park Center 691-5086  
Otay Center 476-5325  
Parkway Center 691-5083  
Parkway Pool 691-5088  
Parkway Gym 691-5084  
Salt Creek Center 585-5739  
Veterans Center 691-5260